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- 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for removing attached die, comprising:
- a pivoting means, having a pivot point and first and second sides, the pivot point having a corresponding first y coordinate, the first and second sides positioned opposite to one another, said pivoting means capable of attaching to a die carrier;
 - a shaft attached to the first side of the pivoting means;
 - a counterweight attached to the second side of the pivoting means; and
- a clamping means capable of attaching to at least one die, the die having a corresponding second y coordinate, wherein the first y coordinate is greater than the second y coordinate, upon removal of the at least one die, the at least one die in said clamping means pivots about said pivot point...
- 2. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising: a die carrier, the pivoting means attached to the die carrier; and a die positioned in said die carrier.
- 3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the clamping means is clamped on at least one die.
- 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the clamping means is clamped alone a centerline of the at least one die.
- 5. (Withdrawn) A method for removing an attached die, comprising the steps of:
 - a) identifying a die fixedly attached to a workpiece, the die to be removed;
 - b) placing the workpiece in a die carrier;
- c) identifying the removal force necessary to remove the die at a predetermined temperature, said predetermined temperature greater than the ambient temperature and said removal force less than the force necessary to remove the die at ambient temperature;
 - d) contacting the die to a removal means;
- e) attaching a balancing force to the removal means, said balancing force at least equal to the removal force;
 - f) heating the die to the predetermined temperature;
 - g) removing the die from the workpiece with the removal means; and
 - h) removing the die from the removal means.

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- 6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 wherein identifying the removal force comprises calculating the minimum force necessary to remove the die at the predetermined temperature and supplying a balancing force at least equal the necessary force.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 wherein the contacting comprises attaching the die to a removal means.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7 wherein the removal means comprises:
- a pivoting means, having a pivot point and first and second sides, the pivot point having a corresponding first y coordinate, the first and second sides positioned opposite to one another;
 - a die carrier, the pivoting means attached to the die carrier;
 - a shaft attached to the first side of the pivoting means;
 - a counterweight attached to the second side of the pivoting means; and
- a clamping means capable of attaching to a die, the die having a corresponding second y coordinate, wherein the first y coordinate is greater than the second y coordinate.
- 9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the counterweight comprises a weight substantially equal to the balancing force.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 wherein the identifying in step c comprises calculating the minimum force necessary to remove the die at the predetermined temperature and the attaching in step e comprises supplying balancing force about equal to the necessary force
- 11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the calculating comprises the steps of: determining the centerpoint of the die to be removed; and measuring the balancing force needed to remove the die from the centerpoint.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11 wherein the balancing force supplied is about equal to the necessary force.
- 13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 wherein the step d precedes step e.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5 wherein step e precedes step d.

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- 15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the die follows an arc during step g, each point in the arc having corresponding x and y coordinates.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the arc is measured from the die and the at least a portion of x coordinates for the arc are increasing values.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 15 wherein the initial x coordinates during step g are increasing values.
- 18. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein, upon removal, the at least one die pivots in an arc having corresponding x and y coordinates.
- 19. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the arc is measured from the at least one die and at least a portion of x coordinates for the arc are of increasing value.
- 20. (New) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the initial set of x coordinates upon die removal are of increasing value.